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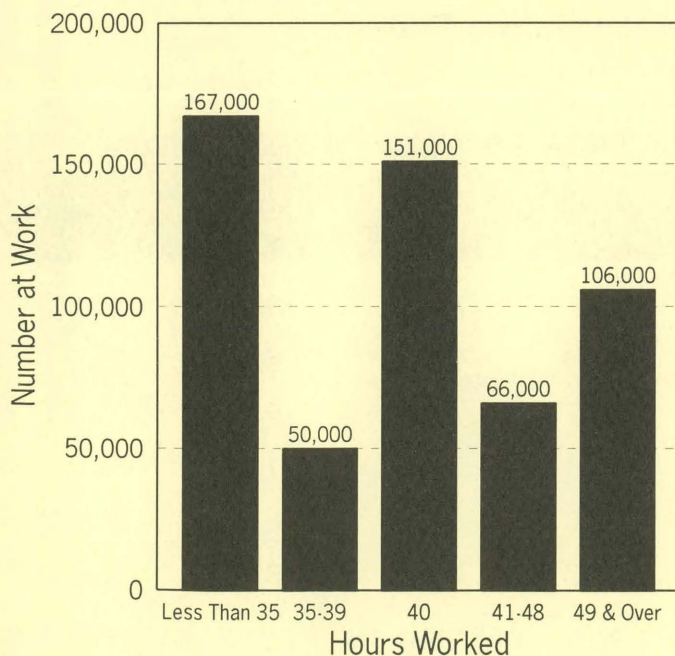
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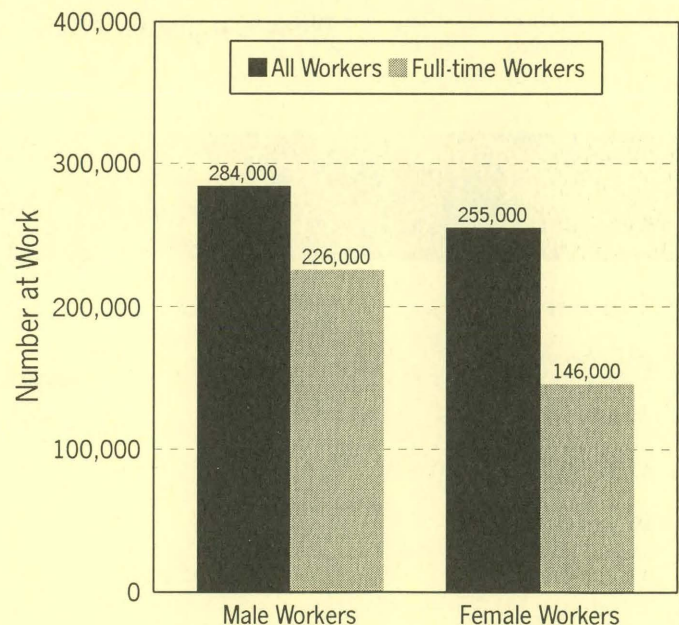
Most Mainers Worked 40 or More Hours Per Week During 1994

Civilians at Work by Hours of Work
Maine, 1994 Annual Averages



Sixty percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged 40 or more hours of work per week during 1994. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 77 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work per week. For persons working in more than one job, hours worked in all jobs are credited to hours of work for the survey week.

Civilians at Work by Gender
Maine, 1994 Annual Averages



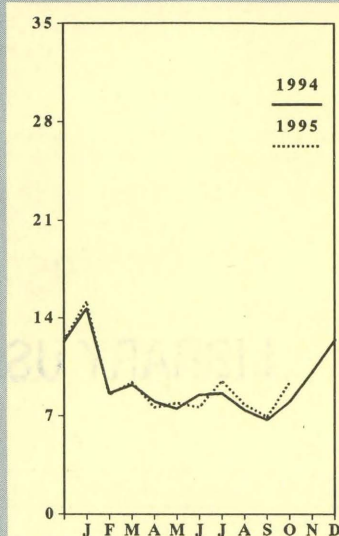
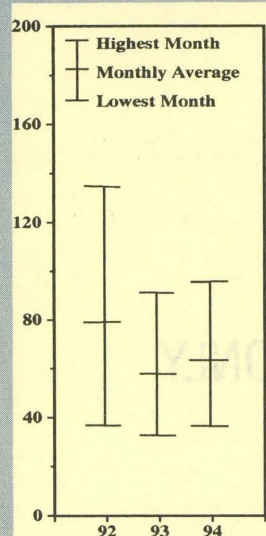
There were 284,000 males and 255,000 females employed in Maine during 1994. The number of full-time (35 or more hours per week) male workers was also larger than the number of full-time female workers. While 79.6 percent of male workers worked full-time schedules, 57.3 percent of female workers did so.



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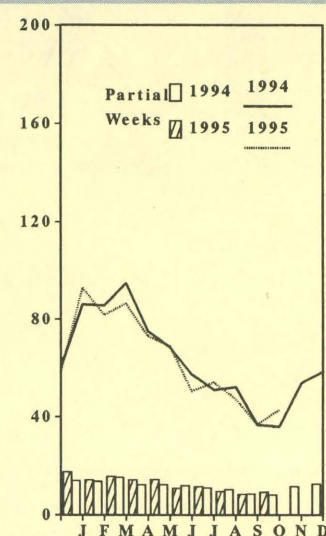
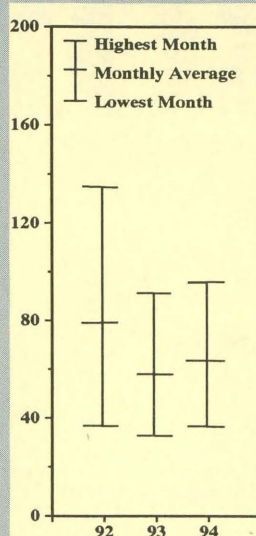
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands



Percent Distribution of Unemployed Persons by Duration of Unemployment New England States and the United States 1994 Annual Averages

Area	Total Unemployed (in thousands)	Duration of Unemployment (in weeks)				
		Less than 5	5-14	15 and over	15-26	27 and over
Connecticut	96	28.4%	28.0%	43.6%	18.1%	25.5%
Maine	45	31.1	31.3	37.7	16.7	21.0
Massachusetts	191	28.9	29.7	41.4	16.2	25.2
New Hampshire	29	34.3	30.1	35.6	11.4	24.2
Rhode Island	36	27.5	32.0	40.5	18.7	21.8
Vermont	15	38.0	34.3	27.7	9.3	18.5
United States	7,996	34.1	30.1	35.8	15.5	20.3

Source: *Employment and Earnings*, Vol. 42, No. 1, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, January 1995, and unpublished data from the Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

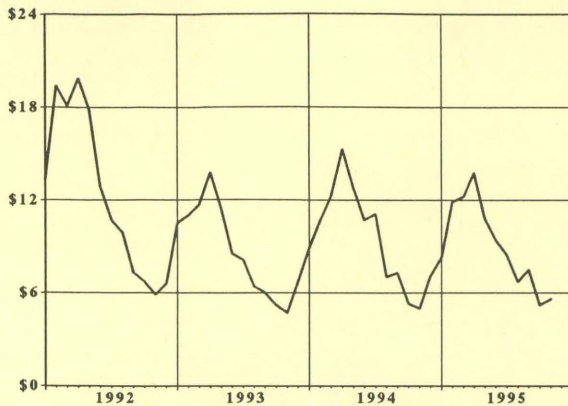


Selected Employment Security Activities



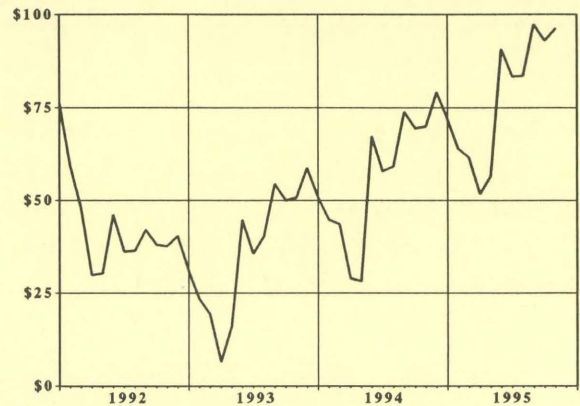
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

in Millions
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

in Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1992	1993	1994
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing.....	\$502.74	\$501.77	\$489.64	39.9	40.4	40.6	\$12.60	\$12.42	\$12.06	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	492.89	484.79	482.39	40.5	40.5	40.3	12.17	11.97	11.97	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	409.66	408.77	396.98	40.4	41.0	40.8	10.14	9.97	9.73	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	475.26	488.61	451.36	44.5	45.2	40.7	10.68	10.81	11.09	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	556.56	575.90	641.66	42.1	44.3	45.8	13.22	13.00	14.01	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	402.75	412.18	398.68	37.5	38.2	37.4	10.74	10.79	10.66	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	653.67	601.16	611.51	40.5	38.0	39.3	16.14	15.82	15.56	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	412.68	416.30	385.16	40.9	41.3	40.5	10.09	10.08	9.51	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	510.90	516.65	495.31	39.3	40.3	40.8	13.00	12.82	12.14	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	353.79	344.00	346.56	35.7	34.4	34.9	9.91	10.00	9.93	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	439.10	431.46	414.15	41.7	42.3	44.2	10.53	10.20	9.37	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	353.28	329.18	313.99	40.7	38.5	39.2	8.68	8.55	8.01	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	808.56	829.80	770.41	43.1	45.0	44.2	18.76	18.44	17.43	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	312.21	329.95	328.56	35.6	38.1	38.7	8.77	8.66	8.49	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	421.45	421.63	435.23	37.9	38.4	40.6	11.12	10.98	10.72	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	424.32	436.36	428.93	38.4	39.1	39.1	11.05	11.16	10.97	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	390.63	392.56	387.86	38.6	38.6	41.0	10.12	10.17	9.46	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine In Thousands

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	318.1	323.0	287.0
Unemployment (Percent)	19.8	21.2	17.4
Resident Employed	298.3	301.8	269.6

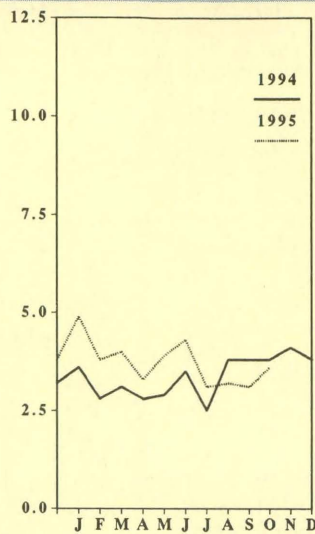
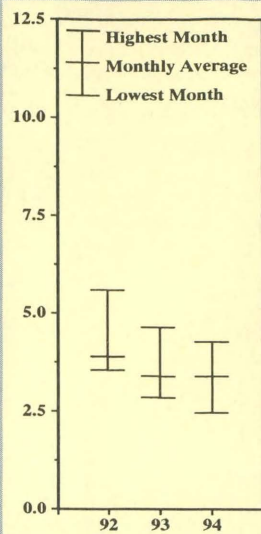
U.S. Consumer Price Index

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	153.7	153.2	149.5	149.7
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%			
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.8%			
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%			

^{1/} Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

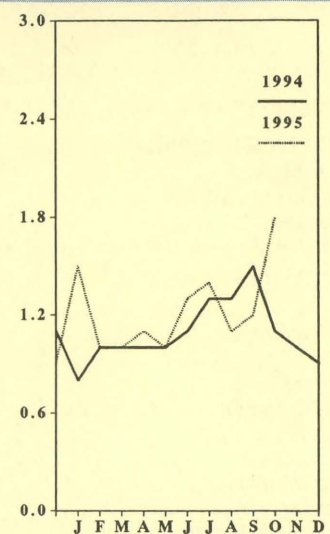
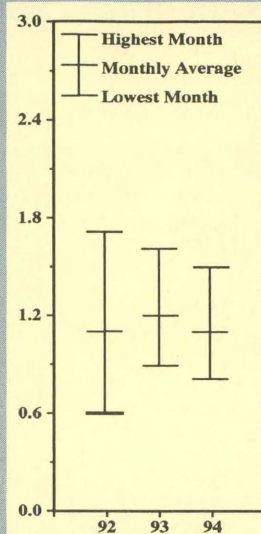
In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	557.5	556.9	547.5	132.0	130.1	131.0	42.2	41.9	42.4
Goods Producing.....	118.1	118.4	117.4	19.1	18.5	19.1	10.2	10.2	10.8
Construction and Mining.....	25.5	25.6	24.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.7	1.7	1.9
Building Construction.....	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	15.2	15.4	14.5	4.1	4.1	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	92.6	92.8	93.2	13.8	13.2	13.8	8.5	8.5	8.9
Durable Goods.....	42.8	42.5	41.9	6.3	5.9	6.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	11.4	11.3	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.7	3.7	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.6	4.7	4.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.3	7.4	6.9	2.2	2.2	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.3	11.2	11.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	4.5	4.2	4.3	2.8	2.5	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	49.8	50.3	51.3	7.5	7.3	7.7	6.3	6.3	6.7
Food and Kindred Products.....	6.6	6.6	6.8	2.2	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	4.9	5.2	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.3	2.4	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	14.8	14.8	15.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.1	3.1	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	10.5	10.6	10.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.9	1.9	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber).....	8.7	8.9	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	4.4	4.4	4.5
Service Producing.....	439.4	438.5	430.1	112.9	111.6	111.9	32.0	31.7	31.6
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	23.7	23.4	23.5	5.8	5.9	6.1	1.8	1.7	1.7
Wholesale Trade.....	25.3	25.1	24.0	8.6	8.7	8.5	2.1	2.1	1.9
Retail Trade.....	117.4	118.9	115.0	33.2	31.8	31.7	8.6	8.5	8.7
General Merchandise Stores.....	13.6	13.2	12.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	19.6	20.0	19.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	35.2	38.0	34.7	8.8	9.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.0	26.1	26.8	11.6	11.6	12.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
Banking.....	9.5	9.5	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	10.9	10.9	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	153.4	155.0	145.2	36.5	36.7	36.2	12.8	12.7	12.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	10.0	12.5	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	19.9	19.8	16.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	51.5	51.5	50.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.2	13.3	13.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	27.4	25.6	27.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government.....	53.0	51.1	54.2	10.4	10.2	10.2	3.8	3.8	3.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 29. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publications. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000).....	650.0	651.8	606.4	617.3	618.8	568.5	32.7	33.0	37.9	5.0	5.1	6.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	50,300	49,400	46,700	48,000	47,200	44,100	2,300	2,200	2,600	4.7	4.4	5.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	52,200	52,000	49,300	49,500	49,200	46,100	2,700	2,800	3,200	5.2	5.3	6.4
Portland MSA.....	123,800	122,900	115,300	119,700	118,600	110,300	4,100	4,300	5,000	3.3	3.5	4.3
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	121,100	120,900	101,700	117,400	116,400	98,500	3,700	4,500	3,200	3.1	3.7	3.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	46,280	46,280	42,690	43,680	43,410	40,210	2,600	2,870	2,480	5.6	6.2	5.8
Bath-Brunswick.....	34,800	35,270	32,630	33,670	34,020	31,360	1,130	1,250	1,270	3.2	3.5	3.9
Belfast.....	12,960	12,990	11,810	12,230	12,260	10,890	730	720	920	5.6	5.6	7.8
Biddeford.....	35,490	37,260	33,520	34,080	35,990	31,740	1,400	1,270	1,770	4.0	3.4	5.3
Boothbay Harbor.....	8,320	8,840	8,150	8,060	8,620	7,800	260	220	340	3.2	2.5	4.2
Bucksport.....	5,180	5,170	4,770	4,930	4,940	4,490	250	230	280	4.8	4.5	5.9
Calais.....	5,420	5,340	5,150	4,940	4,840	4,520	470	500	630	8.8	9.3	12.2
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	13,310	12,970	11,950	12,040	11,960	10,750	1,270	1,010	1,200	9.5	7.8	10.0
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,450	7,450	7,040	6,970	6,930	6,440	480	510	610	6.4	6.9	8.6
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	20,210	21,600	19,890	19,330	20,810	18,820	880	790	1,070	4.4	3.7	5.4
Farmington.....	17,900	17,430	16,820	16,680	16,350	15,690	1,220	1,080	1,120	6.8	6.2	6.7
Fort Kent.....	3,930	3,840	3,690	3,670	3,540	3,370	270	300	330	6.8	7.8	8.8
Greenville.....	1,170	1,290	1,100	1,070	1,200	980	100	100	120	8.1	7.5	10.8
Houlton.....	7,020	6,990	6,320	6,510	6,550	5,860	510	430	460	7.2	6.2	7.3
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	4,160	4,360	3,430	3,860	3,980	3,170	290	380	260	7.1	8.8	7.6
Kittery-York.....	19,520	19,510	18,370	19,120	19,110	17,820	410	400	550	2.1	2.1	3.0
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,700	5,790	5,360	5,370	5,430	4,880	330	360	480	5.7	6.3	9.0
Machias-Eastport.....	6,660	6,650	6,170	6,140	6,070	5,570	520	580	600	7.8	8.7	9.7
Madawaska.....	4,240	4,280	3,970	4,010	4,060	3,650	230	220	320	5.4	5.1	8.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,120	5,300	5,310	4,700	4,820	4,580	420	480	730	8.3	9.0	13.8
Norway-Paris.....	10,990	11,090	9,900	10,170	10,210	9,060	810	890	850	7.4	8.0	8.6
Outer Bangor.....	8,190	8,110	7,400	7,630	7,550	6,780	560	560	620	6.8	6.9	8.4
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,380	2,340	1,700	2,180	2,190	1,560	190	150	140	8.2	6.4	8.5
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,330	20,200	20,380	18,640	18,380	18,080	1,700	1,820	2,310	8.3	9.0	11.3
Rockland.....	23,230	23,780	20,850	22,490	23,020	19,900	750	760	950	3.2	3.2	4.5
Rumford.....	10,040	9,850	9,470	9,440	9,210	8,740	600	640	730	6.0	6.5	7.7
Sanford.....	21,920	21,730	20,110	20,820	20,640	18,690	1,100	1,090	1,420	5.0	5.0	7.1
Sebago Lakes Region.....	13,480	13,340	12,620	12,750	12,610	11,910	740	730	710	5.5	5.5	5.6
Skowhegan.....	16,290	16,530	14,940	15,050	15,280	13,410	1,240	1,260	1,530	7.6	7.6	10.2
Stonington.....	5,670	5,420	5,120	5,480	5,240	4,980	190	180	140	3.4	3.3	2.7
Van Buren.....	1,500	1,540	1,510	1,380	1,400	1,290	120	150	220	8.3	9.4	14.3
Waterville.....	24,800	24,990	23,130	23,030	23,120	21,100	1,770	1,870	2,030	7.1	7.5	8.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	1,714.9	n/a	n/a	1,628.0	n/a	n/a	86.9	n/a	n/a	5.1
Massachusetts.....	3,137.0	3,090.0	3,184.0	2,986.0	2,931.0	2,996.0	151.0	160.0	188.0	4.8	5.2	5.9
New Hampshire.....	636.2	630.2	631.3	614.6	605.6	608.5	21.6	24.6	22.8	3.4	3.9	3.6
Rhode Island.....	n/a	n/a	505.6	n/a	n/a	469.7	n/a	n/a	35.8	n/a	n/a	7.1
Vermont.....	324.4	323.9	322.5	313.0	312.1	309.8	11.5	11.8	12.8	3.5	3.6	4.0
UNITED STATES(000).....	132,863	132,341	131,879	125,979	125,173	124,724	6,884	7,167	7,155	5.2	5.4	5.4

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	7,632	7,846	8,293	1,049	1,143	1,216	681	705	722

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

Item	1994			1995									
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Civilian Labor Force 1/	609.1	608.8	609.2	619.7	623.4	621.5	623.1	631.4	637.6	641.1	647.5	653.8	652.5
Resident Employment	564.8	566.1	567.1	584.9	588.9	587.3	586.8	591.9	598.6	600.9	607.6	613.3	614.3
Unemployment	44.4	42.8	42.1	34.8	34.5	34.2	36.4	39.5	39.0	40.2	39.9	40.6	38.2
Percent of Labor Force	7.3	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.2	5.9
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	535.4	535.3	537.3	539.0	541.1	541.7	542.3	541.4	542.4	540.6	542.3	544.2	543.8
Construction	22.0	21.9	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.1	22.1	22.9	22.7
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.2	41.4	41.6	41.7	42.0	41.9	42.1	41.9	42.2	41.5	41.8	42.1	42.0
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.9	51.0	51.2	51.5	51.1	50.5	50.4	50.0	50.1	50.2	50.1	49.5	49.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.3	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.8	22.9	22.9	23.3
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.8	25.1
Retail Trade	111.6	111.7	112.4	112.9	113.6	113.5	113.5	113.4	113.9	113.8	113.6	113.9	114.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.0	26.0
Services	142.9	143.2	143.6	146.1	147.0	147.9	147.6	147.6	148.0	148.5	149.5	150.8	150.5
Government	92.7	92.6	92.8	91.6	92.3	92.3	92.2	92.2	91.8	90.6	91.3	91.2	90.5

1/ Place of residence.

2/ Place of work.

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